# REMARK ON WELL-POSEDNESS OF QUADRATIC SCHRÖDINGER EQUATION WITH NONLINEARITY $u\overline{u}$ IN $H^{-1/4}(\mathbb{R})$

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ABSTRACT. In this note, we give another approach to the local well-posedness of quadratic Schrödinger equation with nonlinearity  $u\overline{u}$  in  $H^{-1/4}$ , which was already proved by Kishimoto [3]. Our resolution space is  $l^1$ -analogue of  $X^{s,b}$  space with low frequency part in a weaker space  $L_t^{\infty} L_x^2$ . Such type spaces were developed by Guo. [2] to deal the KdV endpoint  $H^{-3/4}$  regularity.

## 1. Introduction

This paper is mainly concerned with the following equation

$$\begin{cases} iu_t + u_{xx} = |u|^2, \quad u(x,t) : \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R} \to \mathbb{C}, \\ u(x,0) = \phi(x) \in H^s(\mathbb{R}). \end{cases}$$
 (1.1)

The low regularity for this equation was first studied by Kenig, Ponce, Vega in [4], they proved the local well-posedness in  $H^s$ , for s > -1/4, by using  $X^{s,b}$  spaces. The local well-posedness in  $H^{-1/4}$  was already proved by Kishimoto [3], where Kishimoto solved (1.1) in the spaces

$$Z = X^{-1/4, 1/2 + \beta} + Y$$

and

$$Y = \{ f \in \mathcal{S}'(\mathbb{R}^2); \|f\|_Y = \|\langle \xi \rangle^{-1/4} \langle \tau - \xi^2 \rangle^{3\beta} \hat{f}\|_{L^2_\xi L^p_\tau} + \|\langle \xi \rangle^{1/4 - 2\beta} \langle \tau - \xi^2 \rangle^{3\beta} \hat{f}\|_{L^2_\xi L^2_\tau} \},$$

with  $0 < \beta \le 1/24$ ,  $2\beta < 1/p' < 3\beta$  and 1/p + 1/p' = 1.

We give another approach based on the argument developed by Guo. [2], which solved the global well-posedness for KdV equation in  $H^{-3/4}$ . Our resolution space is  $l^1$ -analogue of  $X^{s,b}$  space with low frequency part in a weaker space  $L_t^{\infty} L_x^2$ , so as a resolution space, it has simple form.

It is well known that  $X^{s,b}$  failed for (1.1) in  $H^{-1/4}$  because of the logarithmic divergences from  $high \times high \to low$  interactions, it is natural to use the weaker structure in low frequency. We use  $L_x^{\infty}L_x^2$  to measure the low frequency part, however in [2] Guo used  $L_x^2L_x^{\infty}$ . The reason for this is that in the KdV case, the  $high \times low$  interactions has one derivative, and the smoothing effect norm  $L_x^{\infty}L_t^2$  was needed to absorb it. This method can also be adapted to other similar problems where some logarithmic divergences appear in the high-high interactions.

**Theorem 1.1.** The initial value problem (1.1) is local well-posedness in  $H^{-1/4}$ .

For  $f \in \mathcal{S}'$  we denote by  $\widehat{f}$  or  $\mathcal{F}(f)$  the Fourier transform of f. We denote by  $\mathcal{F}_x$  the Fourier transform on spatial variable. Let  $\mathbb{Z}$  and  $\mathbb{N}$  be the sets of integers and natural numbers respectively,  $\mathbb{Z}_+ = \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\}$ . For  $k \in \mathbb{Z}_+$  let  $I_k = \{\xi : |\xi| \in [2^{k-1}, 2^{k+1}]\}$ ,  $k \ge 1$ ;  $I_0 = \{\xi : |\xi| \le 2\}$ . Let  $\eta_0 : \mathbb{R} \to [0, 1]$  denote an even smooth function supported in [-8/5, 8/5] and equal to 1 in [-5/4, 5/4]. We define  $\psi(t) = \eta_0(t)$ . For  $k \in \mathbb{Z}$  let  $\eta_k(\xi) = \eta_0(\xi/2^k) - \eta_0(\xi/2^{k-1})$  if  $k \ge 1$  and  $\eta_k(\xi) \equiv 0$  if  $k \le -1$ . For  $k \in \mathbb{Z}_+$ , define  $P_k$  by  $\widehat{P_k u}(\xi) = \eta_k(\xi)\widehat{u}(\xi)$ . For  $l \in \mathbb{Z}$  let  $P_{\le l} = \sum_{k < l} P_k, P_{\ge l} = \sum_{k > l} P_k$ .

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For  $u_0 \in \mathcal{S}'(\mathbb{R})$ , we denote  $W(t)u_0 = e^{it\partial_x^2}u_0$  defined by  $\mathcal{F}_x(W(t)\phi)(\xi) = \exp[-i\xi^2t]\widehat{\phi}(\xi)$ . For  $k \in \mathbb{Z}_+$  we define the dyadic  $X^{s,b}$ -type normed spaces  $X_k = X_k(\mathbb{R}^2)$ ,

$$X_k = \left\{ f \in L^2(\mathbb{R}^2) : \begin{array}{l} f(\xi, \tau) \text{ is supported in } I_k \times \mathbb{R} \text{ and} \\ \|f\|_{X_k} = \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} 2^{j/2} \|\eta_j(\tau + \xi^2) \cdot f\|_{L^2}, \end{array} \right\}$$
 (1.2)

thus we have  $\|\widehat{f}\|_{L^1_\tau L^2_\xi} \leq \|f\|_{X_k}$ . For  $-3/4 \leq s \leq 0$ , we define our resolution spaces

$$\bar{F}^s = \{ u \in \mathcal{S}'(\mathbb{R}^2) : \|u\|_{\bar{F}^s}^2 = \sum_{k \ge 1} 2^{2sk} \|\eta_k(\xi)\mathcal{F}(u)\|_{X_k}^2 + \|P_{\le 0}(u)\|_{L_t^\infty L_x^2}^2 < \infty \}.$$
 (1.3)

It is easy to see that for  $k \in \mathbb{Z}_+$ 

$$||P_k(u)||_{L^{\infty}_{*}L^{2}_{x}} \lesssim ||\mathcal{F}[P_k(u)]||_{X_k},$$
 (1.4)

as a consequence, we have  $||u||_{L^{\infty}_{t}H^{s}} \lesssim ||u||_{\bar{F}^{s}}$ .

Let  $a_1, a_2, a_3 \in \mathbb{R}$ , define  $a_{max} = \max\{a_1, a_2, a_2\}$ , same as  $a_{min}, a_{med}$ . Usually we use  $k_1, k_2, k_3$  and  $j_1, j_2, j_3$  to denote integers,  $N_i = 2^{k_i}$  and  $L_i = 2^{j_i}$  for i = 1, 2, 3 to denote dyadic numbers.

# 2. Dyadic Bilinear Estimates

In this section we will give some dyadic bilinear estimates for next section. We define

$$D_{k,j} = \{(\xi, \tau) : \xi \in [2^{k-1}, 2^{k+1}] \text{ and } \tau + \xi^2 \in I_j\}, \quad k \in \mathbb{Z}, j \in \mathbb{Z}_+.$$

Following the [k; Z] methods [5] the bilinear estimates in  $X^{s,b}$  space reduce to some dyadic summations: for any  $k_1, k_2, k_3 \in \mathbb{Z}$  and  $j_1, j_2, j_3 \in \mathbb{Z}_+$ 

$$\sup_{(u_{k_2,j_2}, v_{k_3,j_3}) \in E} \|1_{D_{k_1,j_1}}(\xi,\tau) \cdot u_{k_2,j_2} * v_{k_3,j_3}(\xi,\tau)\|_{L^2_{\xi,\tau}}$$
(2.1)

where  $E = \{(u, v) : ||u||_2, ||v||_2 \le 1 \text{ and } \operatorname{supp}(u) \subset D_{k_2, j_2}, \operatorname{supp}(v) \subset \widetilde{D}_{k_3, j_3}\}$  and  $\widetilde{D}_{k_3, j_3} = \{(\xi, \tau); (-\xi, -\tau) \in D_{k_3, j_3}\}$ . By checking the support properties, we get that in order for (2.1) to be nonzero one must have

$$|k_{max} - k_{med}| \le 3$$
, and  $j_{max} \ge k_{max} + k_{min} - 10$  (2.2)

The following sharp estimates on (2.1) were obtained in [5].

**Lemma 2.1** (Proposition 11.1, [5] (-++) case). Let  $k_1, k_2, k_3 \in \mathbb{Z}$  and  $j_1, j_2, j_3 \in \mathbb{Z}_+$ . Let  $N_i = 2^{k_i}$  and  $L_i = 2^{j_i}$  for i = 1, 2, 3. Then

(i) If  $N_{max} \sim N_{min}$  and  $L_{max} \sim N_{max}N_{min}$ , then we have

$$(2.1) \lesssim L_{min}^{1/2} L_{med}^{1/4}. \tag{2.3}$$

(ii) If  $N_1 \sim N_3 \gg N_2$  and  $N_{max}N_{min} \sim L_2 = L_{max}$ , and  $N_1 \sim N_2 \gg N_3$  and  $N_{max}N_{min} \sim L_3 = L_{max}$ , then

$$(2.1) \lesssim L_{min}^{1/2} L_{med}^{1/2} N_{min}^{-1/2}. \tag{2.4}$$

(iii) In all other cases, we have

$$(2.1) \lesssim L_{min}^{1/2} N_{max}^{-1/2} \min(N_{max} N_{min}, L_{med})^{1/2}.$$
(2.5)

# 3. Proof of Theorem 1.1

For  $u, v \in \bar{F}^s$  we define the bilinear operator

$$B(u,v) = \psi\left(\frac{t}{4}\right) \int_0^t W(t-\tau)\partial_x \left(\psi^2(\tau)u(\tau) \cdot v(\tau)\right) d\tau. \tag{3.1}$$

As in [2], the proof for Theorem 1.1 reduce to showing the boundness of  $B: \bar{F}^{-1/4} \times \bar{F}^{-1/4} \to \bar{F}^{-1/4}$ .

**Lemma 3.1** (Linear estimates). (a) Assume  $s \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $\phi \in H^s$ . Then there exists C > 0 such that

$$\|\psi(t)W(t)\phi\|_{\bar{F}^s} \le C\|\phi\|_{H^s}.$$
 (3.2)

(b) Assume  $s \in \mathbb{R}, k \in \mathbb{Z}_+$  and  $(i + \tau - \xi^3)^{-1}\mathcal{F}(u) \in X_k$ . Then there exists C > 0 such that

$$\left\| \mathcal{F} \left[ \psi(t) \int_0^t W(t-s)(u(s)) ds \right] \right\|_{X_t} \le C \| (i+\tau-\xi^3)^{-1} \mathcal{F}(u) \|_{X_k}. \tag{3.3}$$

*Proof.* Such linear estimates have appeared in many literatures, see for example [1].  $\Box$ 

**Lemma 3.2** (Bilinear estimates). Assume  $-1/4 \le s \le 0$ . Then there exists C > 0 such that

$$||B(u,v)||_{\bar{F}^s} \le C(||u||_{\bar{F}^s}||v||_{\bar{F}^{-1/4}} + ||u||_{\bar{F}^{-1/4}}||v||_{\bar{F}^s})$$
(3.4)

hold for any  $u, v \in \bar{F}^s$ .

*Proof.* It is easy to see

$$\begin{split} \|B(u,v)\|_{\bar{F}^s} \lesssim & \|P_{\geq 1}B(P_{\geq 1}u,P_{\geq 1}v)\|_{F^s} + \|P_{\geq 1}B(P_{\geq 1}u,P_0v)\|_{\bar{F}^s} \\ & + \|P_{\geq 1}B(P_0u,P_{\geq 1}v)\|_{\bar{F}^s} + \|P_{\geq 1}B(P_0u,P_0v)\|_{\bar{F}^s} + \|P_0B(u,v)\|_{\bar{F}^s} \\ \triangleq & A+B+C+D+E \end{split}$$

We notice that there is no low frequency in part A, so the proof for part A do not involve the special structure in low frequency, and standard  $X^{s,b}$  argument will suffice, we omit the proof.

The proof for part B, C and D are similar, we just consider part B for example. By definition and Lemma 3.1 (b), let  $S_B = \{(k_1, k_3); k_1, k_3 \ge 1, |k_1 - k_3| \le 5\}$ , then

$$B^{2} \lesssim \sum_{(k_{1},k_{3})\in S_{B}} 2^{2sk_{3}} \left( \sum_{j_{3}\geq 0} 2^{-j_{3}/2} \|1_{D_{k_{3},j_{3}}} \widehat{\psi(t)P_{k_{1}}} u * \widehat{P_{0}v}\|_{L_{\xi,\tau}^{2}} \right)^{2}$$

$$\lesssim \sum_{(k_{1},k_{3})\in S_{B}} 2^{2sk_{3}} \|\psi(t)P_{k_{1}}u\|_{L^{2}}^{2} \|P_{0}v\|_{L^{\infty}}^{2} \lesssim \sum_{(k_{1},k_{3})\in S_{B}} 2^{2sk_{3}} \|P_{k_{1}}u\|_{L_{t}^{\infty}L_{x}^{2}}^{2} \|P_{0}v\|_{L^{\infty}}^{2}$$

$$(3.5)$$

which is sufficient by Bernstein inequality and (1.4).

Now we turn to part D. Denote  $Q(u, v) = P_{\leq 0}B(P_{k_1}u, P_{k_2}\bar{v})$ . By straightforward computations,

$$\mathcal{F}\left[Q(u,\bar{v})\right](\xi,\tau) = c \int_{\mathbb{R}} \frac{\widehat{\psi}(\tau-\tau') - \widehat{\psi}(\tau+\xi^2)}{\tau'+\xi^2} \eta_0(\xi) \int_{Z} \widehat{P_{k_1}u}(\xi_1,\tau_1) \widehat{P_{k_2}\bar{v}}(\xi_2,\tau_2) \ d\tau'.$$

where  $Z = \{\xi = \xi_1 + \xi_2, \tau' = \tau_1 + \tau_2\}$ . Fixing  $\xi \in \mathbb{R}$ , we decomposing the hyperplane as following

$$A_{1} = \{ \xi = \xi_{1} + \xi_{2}, \tau' = \tau_{1} + \tau_{2} : |\xi| \lesssim 2^{-k_{1}} \};$$

$$A_{2} = \{ \xi = \xi_{1} + \xi_{2}, \tau' = \tau_{1} + \tau_{2} : |\xi| \gg 2^{-k_{1}},$$

$$|\tau_{1} + \xi_{1}^{2}| \ll 2^{k_{1}}|\xi|, |\tau_{2} - \xi_{2}^{2}| \ll 2^{k_{1}}|\xi| \};$$

$$A_{3} = \{ \xi = \xi_{1} + \xi_{2}, \tau' = \tau_{1} + \tau_{2} : |\xi| \gg 2^{-k_{1}}, |\tau_{1} + \xi_{1}^{2}| \gtrsim 2^{k_{1}}|\xi| \};$$

$$A_{4} = \{ \xi = \xi_{1} + \xi_{2}, \tau' = \tau_{1} + \tau_{2} : |\xi| \gg 2^{-k_{1}}, |\tau_{2} - \xi_{2}^{2}| \ge 2^{k_{1}}|\xi| \}.$$

Then we get

$$\mathcal{F}\left[Q(u,\bar{v})\right](\xi,\tau) = I + II + III,$$

where

$$\begin{split} I = & C \int_{\mathbb{R}} \frac{\widehat{\psi}(\tau - \tau') - \widehat{\psi}(\tau + \xi^2)}{\tau' + \xi^2} \eta_0(\xi) \int_{A_1} \widehat{P_{k_1} u}(\xi_1, \tau_1) \widehat{P_{k_2} v}(\xi_2, \tau_2) d\tau', \\ II = & C \int_{\mathbb{R}} \frac{\widehat{\psi}(\tau - \tau') - \widehat{\psi}(\tau + \xi^2)}{\tau' + \xi^2} \eta_0(\xi) \int_{A_2} \widehat{P_{k_1} u}(\xi_1, \tau_1) \widehat{P_{k_2} v}(\xi_2, \tau_2) d\tau', \\ III = & C \int_{\mathbb{R}} \frac{\widehat{\psi}(\tau - \tau') - \widehat{\psi}(\tau + \xi^2)}{\tau' + \xi^2} \eta_0(\xi) \int_{A_3 \cup A_4} \widehat{P_{k_1} u}(\xi_1, \tau_1) \widehat{P_{k_2} v}(\xi_2, \tau_2) d\tau'. \end{split}$$

We consider first the term I. By (1.4) and Proposition 3.1 (b).

$$\|\mathcal{F}^{-1}(I)\|_{L_{t}^{\infty}L_{x}^{2}} \lesssim \|I\|_{X_{0}} \lesssim \left\|(i+\tau'+\xi^{2})^{-1}\eta_{0}(\xi)\int_{A_{1}}\widehat{P_{k_{1}}u}(\xi_{1},\tau_{1})\widehat{P_{k_{2}}\bar{v}}(\xi_{2},\tau_{2})\right\|_{X_{0}},$$

since in the set  $A_1$  we have  $|\xi| \lesssim 2^{-k_1}$ , thus we continue with

$$\lesssim \sum_{k_3 \leq -k_1 + 10} \sum_{j_3 \geq 0} 2^{-j_3/2} \sum_{j_1 \geq 0, j_2 \geq 0} \| 1_{D_{k_3, j_3}} \cdot u_{k_1, j_1} * v_{k_2, j_2} \|_{L^2}$$

where

$$u_{k_1,j_1} = \eta_{k_1}(\xi)\eta_{j_1}(\tau + \xi^2)\widehat{u}, \ v_{k,j_2} = \eta_k(\xi)\eta_{j_2}(\tau - \xi^2)\widehat{\overline{v}}.$$
 (3.6)

Using Proposition 2.1 (iii), then we get

$$\begin{split} \|\mathcal{F}^{-1}(I)\|_{L^{\infty}_{t}L^{2}_{x}} &\lesssim \sum_{k_{3} \leq -k_{1}+10} \sum_{j_{i} \geq 0} 2^{-j_{3}/2} 2^{j_{min}/2} 2^{k_{3}/2} \|u_{k_{1},j_{1}}\|_{L^{2}} \|v_{k_{2},j_{2}}\|_{L^{2}} \\ &\lesssim 2^{-k_{1}/2} \|\widehat{P_{k_{1}}u}\|_{X_{k_{1}}} \|\widehat{P_{k_{2}}v}\|_{X_{k_{2}}}, \end{split}$$

which suffices to give the bound for the term I since  $|k_1 - k_2| \le 5$ .

Next we consider the contribution of the term III. As term I, by (1.4) and Proposition 3.1 (b),

$$\|\mathcal{F}^{-1}(III)\|_{L_{t}^{\infty}L_{x}^{2}} \lesssim \left\| (i+\tau'+\xi^{2})^{-1}\eta_{0}(\xi) \int_{A_{3}\cup A_{4}} \widehat{P_{k_{1}}u}(\xi_{1},\tau_{1}) \widehat{P_{k_{2}}v}(\xi_{2},\tau_{2}) \right\|_{X_{0}} \lesssim \sum_{-k_{1}\leq k_{3}\leq 0} \sum_{j_{3}\geq 0} 2^{-j_{3}/2} \sum_{j_{1}\geq 0, j_{2}\geq 0} \|1_{D_{k_{3},j_{3}}} \cdot u_{k_{1},j_{1}} * v_{k_{2},j_{2}}\|_{L^{2}}.$$

Without loss of generality, we assume  $|\tau_1 + \xi_1^2| \gtrsim |\xi \xi_1|$ , applying Proposition 2.1 (iii), then we get

$$\|\mathcal{F}^{-1}(III)\|_{L_{t}^{\infty}L_{x}^{2}} \lesssim \sum_{-k_{1} \leq k_{3} \leq 0} \sum_{j_{1} \geq k_{3} + k_{1} - 10, j_{2} \geq 0} 2^{j_{2}/2} 2^{-k_{1}/2} \|u_{k_{1}, j_{1}}\|_{L^{2}} \|v_{k_{2}, j_{2}}\|_{L^{2}}$$
$$\lesssim 2^{-k_{1}/2} \|\widehat{P_{k_{1}}u}\|_{X_{k_{1}}} \|\widehat{P_{k_{2}}u}\|_{X_{k_{2}}},$$

which suffices to give the bound for the term III since  $|k_1 - k_2| \le 5$ .

Now we consider the main contribution term: term II. By direct computation, we get

$$\mathcal{F}_{t}^{-1}(II) = \psi(t) \int_{0}^{t} e^{-i(t-s)\xi^{2}} \eta_{0}(\xi) i\xi \int_{\mathbb{R}^{2}} e^{is(\tau_{1}+\tau_{2})} \int_{\xi=\xi_{1}+\xi_{2}} u_{k_{1}}(\xi_{1},\tau_{1}) v_{k_{2}}(\xi_{2},\tau_{2}) d\tau_{1} d\tau_{2} ds$$

where

$$u_{k_1}(\xi_1, \tau_1) = \eta_{k_1}(\xi_1) 1_{\{|\tau_1 + \xi_1^2| \ll 2^{k_1}|\xi|\}} \widehat{u}(\xi_1, \tau_1), \ v_{k_2}(\xi_2, \tau_2) = \eta_{k_2}(\xi_2) 1_{\{|\tau_2 - \xi_2^2| \ll 2^{k_1}|\xi|\}} \widehat{\overline{v}}(\xi_2, \tau_2).$$

By a change of variable  $\tau_1' = \tau_1 + \xi_1^2$ ,  $\tau_2' = \tau_2 - \xi_2^2$ , we get

$$\begin{split} \mathcal{F}_t^{-1}(II) &= \psi(t)e^{-it\xi^2}\eta_0(\xi)\int_0^t e^{is\xi^2}\int_{\mathbb{R}^2} e^{is(\tau_1+\tau_2)} \\ &\times \int_{\xi=\xi_1+\xi_2} e^{-is\xi_1^2}u_{k_1}(\xi_1,\tau_1-\xi_1^2)e^{is\xi_2^2}v_{k_2}(\xi_2,\tau_2+\xi_2^2)\ d\tau_1d\tau_2ds \\ &= \psi(t)e^{-it\xi^2}\eta_0(\xi)\int_{\mathbb{R}^2} e^{it(\tau_1+\tau_2)}\int_{\xi=\xi_1+\xi_2} \frac{e^{it(-\xi_1^2+\xi_2^2+\xi^2)}-e^{-it(\tau_1+\tau_2)}}{\tau_1+\tau_2-\xi_1^2+\xi_2^2+\xi^2} \\ &\times u_{k_1}(\xi_1,\tau_1-\xi_1^2)v_{k_2}(\xi_2,\tau_2+\xi_2^2)\ d\tau_1d\tau_2. \end{split}$$

Then by Plancherel Theorem and Hölder inequality, we can bound  $\|\mathcal{F}_t^{-1}(II)\|_{L_{\xi}}$  by

$$\begin{split} &\int_{\mathbb{R}^2} \left\| \int_{\xi = \xi_1 + \xi_2} \frac{\eta_0(\xi)}{|\tau_1 + \tau_2 - \xi_1^2 + \xi_2^2 + \xi^2|} |u_{k_1}(\xi_1, \tau_1 - \xi_1^2) v_{k_2}(\xi_2, \tau_2 + \xi_2^2)| \right\|_{L_{\xi}^2} d\tau_1 d\tau_2 \\ &\lesssim \int_{\mathbb{R}^2} \sum_{-k_1 \le k \le 0} 2^{k/2} \left\| \int_{\xi = \xi_1 + \xi_2} \frac{\chi_k(\xi)}{|\xi \xi_1|} |u_{k_1}(\xi_1, \tau_1 - \xi_1^2) v_{k_2}(\xi_2, \tau_2 + \xi_2^2)| \right\|_{L_{\xi}^{\infty}} d\tau_1 d\tau_2 \\ &\lesssim 2^{-k_1/2} \|u_{k_1}\|_{L_{\tau_2}^1 L_{\xi_2}^2} \|v_{k_2}\|_{L_{\tau_3}^1 L_{\xi_3}^2} \lesssim 2^{-k_1/2} \|\widehat{P_{k_1} u}\|_{X_{k_1}} \|\widehat{P_{k_2} u}\|_{X_{k_2}}. \end{split}$$

where we use  $|\tau_1 + \tau_2 - \xi_1^2 + \xi_2^2 + \xi^2| \gtrsim |\xi \xi_1|$ , which completes the proof of the lemma.

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